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## AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action having a mailing date of April 8, 2004, with a three-month shortened statutory period for response set to expire on July 8, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**CERTIFICATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.8** I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service with sufficient postage as first class mail in an envelope addressed to Mail Stop Amendment, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450, on , 2004. Signature

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